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South Carolina Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
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Re: Docket 2005-304-W  
Public Water System #3250011; Suburban Water System d/b/a Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision

Dear Joseph,

The above referenced matter has been set on the Commission's Agenda for Tuesday, May 9, 2006. As initially indicated in our letter to the Commission on January 27, 2006, Lexington County is in the process of constructing water lines to provide water service to this neighborhood. As of today, the County has begun, but not completed, the construction of these lines. The latest information which this office has is that Lexington County anticipates construction to be complete by sometime in the month of July.

As you are the appointed Hearing Officer in this case, we ask that you please request the Commission to abstain from ruling on this matter until such time as Lexington County has completed construction to connect the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision to the County system. We can report that the construction of the extension of the Lexington system to this area is progressing and will inform the Commission when it has been completed and service can be provided by Lexington County. Until such time, the consumers in the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision continue to receive their water from Suburban and we therefore believe that granting permission for the Company to abandon the system would be premature at this time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and should you have any questions concerning this request or the case in general, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours Truly,

Jeffrey M. Nelson

cc: Etta Williams, Esq. (DHEC)  
Darren Stevens (Suburban Water Company)